

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 2-9 with the following amended paragraph:

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This application relates to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/443102 filed on November 18, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,578,159 and assigned to the present assignee, and U.S. Patent Application Serial Number _____ Number 09/523382 being filed on _____ on March 10, 2000 (now abandoned) based on Japanese Application Serial No. 11-070623 filed on March 16, 1999 and assigned to the present assignee. A continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/523382 was filed as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/646845 on August 25, 2003 . The contents of those applications are incorporated herein by reference.